

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A gas socket assembly, comprising:

[[with]] a housing (1) comprising including an inlet port (2) for ~~the establishment of~~ providing a fixed connection of the gas socket with a gas piping pipe installed on a wall (28) in a stationary way;

[[with]] a shutoff device (10) for the connection of a gas connection plug which, when the gas connecting plug is connected, does not release [[the]] an internal gas path until external tightness is established[[,]];

wherein the shutoff device (10) protrudes in a gas-tight way into the housing (1) with a substantially tube-shaped nozzle (11) that can be shifted in a longitudinal way;

[[with]] a retaining element (29) connected with the wall (28) in a stationary way, where, ~~on the one hand, the~~ housing (1) is fastened slidably received in the retaining element (29) in a torsion-proof way and, ~~on the other, the shutoff device (10) can be mounted~~; and

[[with]] a cover (35) open on its face-side which, in one of its side walls, has an opening (36) for the inlet port (2), wherein the cover (35) and otherwise surrounds the retaining element (29) and the housing (1) and is freely removable therefrom when the shutoff device (10) is not fastened to the housing (1); in a freely movable way, while it

wherein the cover (35) is fixedly secured to and supported on at least a portion of the wall (28) on the one hand and at least a portion of [[on]] the shutoff device (10) on the other when the shutoff device (10) is fastened to the housing (1).

2. (Currently Amended): [[A]] The gas socket assembly in accordance with [[Claim]] claim 1, where [[the]] a face portion of the cover (35) pointing in the direction of the shutoff device (10) is provided with an at least partially circumferential web (37) which, when the shutoff device (10) is removably fastened to the cover (35), protrudes into the latter engages a surface of the shutoff device (10).

3. (New): The gas socket assembly in accordance with claim 1, wherein the retaining element (29) includes a substantially rectangular recess formed therein.

4. (New): The gas socket assembly in accordance with claim 3, wherein the housing (1) includes a substantially rectangular configuration.

5. (New): The gas socket assembly in accordance with claim 4, wherein the substantially rectangular configuration of the housing (1) substantially corresponds to the dimensions of the substantially rectangular recess of the retaining element (29).